

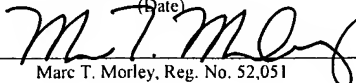
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Simard et al.  
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Filed : February 10, 2004  
For : EXPRESSION VECTORS  
ENCODING EPITOPES OF  
TARGET-ASSOCIATED  
ANTIGENS AND METHODS  
FOR THEIR DESIGN  
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Group Art Unit : 1644

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 10, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks:

The **Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.